



PUBLIC MINUTES

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**Thursday, October 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Commissioner J. Custead, Chair
Commissioner K. Healy, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Mayor C. Clark, via teleconference
Commissioner H. Gough
Commissioner S. Greyeyes
Commissioner B. Penner

ABSENT: Commissioner Z. Jeffries

ALSO PRESENT: Chief T. Cooper
Deputy Chief C. McBride
SPS Executive Director M. Arscott
SPS Solicitor B. Wirth, via teleconference
BPC Executive Director L. Nyirfa
BPC Solicitor S. Edmondson
City Clerk A. Tittmore
Secretary P. Walter

1. MINUTES/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirmed roll call.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Commissioner Healy

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the minutes of the public Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on September 21, 2023 be adopted.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Delegations

1.5 Chair's Report

Chair Custead spoke to the following:

- Chief Cooper announced his retirement from Policing effective January 2024;
- Attended the Annual SPS Exemplary Service Awards - October 5, 2023;
- Attended the Governance and Priorities Committee on October 11, 2023 along with Chief Cooper to present the [2024/2025 Budget Information Update report](#).

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the information be received.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Chief's Report

Chief Cooper spoke to the following:

- Deputy Chief McBride attended the Saskatchewan Chiefs of Police meeting on October 11, 2023. A [resolution](#) was passed to support the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police resolution - Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #17.
- YXE First Responders Fitness Festival occurred on October 14 and 15, 2023.
- The SPS Drug Unit has completed an investigation that involved the seizure of cash, cocaine, vehicles etc. and resulted in three arrests.
- Saskatoon Police Service Dog, Yanga won 'Top Dog' at the Canadian Police Canine Association - National Police Dog Championships in Barrie, Ontario.
- Attended Speak Out! event on October 13, 2023 at Saskatoon Police Service Headquarters. This is an event where high school students speak to community leaders about issues and concerns in the community. Mayor Clark, Fire Chief Hackl, Commissioner Gough, Honourable Don Morgan, MLA, and Troy Davies, Medavie were also in attendance.

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the information be received.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Environmental Scan

Commissioner Healy attended two events hosted by the Peoples Bridge Advocacy included in the Cultural Café Series - Indigenous Culture on September 12, 2023 and Afghani Culture on October 10, 2023. The Cultural Café is a monthly gathering where individuals from various backgrounds come together and share their traditional cuisine, stories, arts, history, language, sports, and geography.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

3. ROUTINE/STATISTICAL REPORTS

3.1 2024 - 2025 Police Operating Budget Estimates

A report of the Police Chief was provided.

A request to speak from Shane Partridge, Pleasant Hill Community Association, dated October 3, 2023 was also provided along with a letter from Adam Pollock, President, Pleasant Hill Community Association, dated September 14, 2023.

The Board heard from Shane Partridge and Ruth Reimer, Pleasant Hill Community Association who also responded to questions of the Board.

Chief Cooper presented the report with a PowerPoint together with Item 3.2 and responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the Board approve the Saskatoon Police Service Operating Budget Estimates for 2024 and 2025 and forward to Saskatoon City Council for

consideration, and approval, as part of the City's November Budget process, as per *The Police Act, 1990* s.33.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

Given the opportunity to match Provincial investment in Alternate Response Officer (ARO) positions, will the administration bring forward to the November 16, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners meeting, a business case report for co-investment, outlining where capacity can be made within the budget presented, and how total projected ARO units would be deployed if fully resourced.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION ARISING

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the Administration report on existing programs for community policing and identify opportunities to achieve greater proactivity in neighbourhoods with disproportionate crime rates to embrace opportunities for co-creating community safety.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 2024 - 2025 Police Capital Budget Estimates

A report of the Police Chief was provided.

Chief Cooper presented the report with a PowerPoint together with Item 3.1 and responded to questions of the Board.

Moved By: Commissioner Penner

That the Board approve the Saskatoon Police Service Capital Budget Estimates for 2024 and 2025 and forward to Saskatoon City Council for consideration, and approval, as part of the City's November Budget process, as per *The Police Act, 1990* s.33.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. RESPONSES TO BOARD REFERRALS

5. OTHER

6. BOARD INQUIRIES/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Commissioner Greyeyes

That the Board move *In Camera* to consider matters exempt to the public under its Governance Policy No. 12.4, Section 10(2) of *The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw No. 7531*, Section 27(15) of *The Police Act, 1990*, and

Section 16(1)(b) and (d), 21 and 28 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public meeting recessed at 3:24 p.m.

8. RISE AND REPORT

The Board convened In Camera at 3:44 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- All Board members (Commissioner Mayor Clark virtual) with the exception of Commissioner Jeffries
- SPS Administration (SPS Solicitor Wirth virtual)
- Board Solicitor Edmondson
- Board Communications Consultant Nyirfa
- City Clerk Tittlemore
- Director of HR Shared Services Mack (for Item 7.2)
- Secretary Walter

SPS Administration left the meeting at 4:28 p.m. with the exception of Chief Cooper

Chief Cooper left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Board Solicitor Edmondson left the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

City Clerk Tittlemore left the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Commissioners Mayor Clark and Custead left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Commissioner Healy assumed the Chair.

The Board completed its In Camera session at 5:37 p.m. and reconvened publicly to rise and report, as follows:

Moved By: Commissioner Gough

That the information be received, and the submitted correspondence and reports and discussion remain *In Camera* under its Governance Policy No. 12.4, Section 10(2) of *The Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw No. 7531*, Section 27(15) of *The Police Act, 1990*, and Sections 16(1)(b) and (d), 21 and 28 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour: (6): Commissioner Custead, Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Mayor Clark, Commissioner Gough, Commissioner Greyeyes, and Commissioner Penner

Absent: (1): Commissioner Jeffries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Commissioner J. Custead, Chair

P. Walter, Board Secretary